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SUBJECT: ELEMENTS IN BAVARIAN SPD OPPOSE NEW

ANTI-TERRORISM LAW

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1. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEWLY ENACTED LAW ENPOWERING FRG AUTHORITIES TO SUSPEND CONTACTS BETWEEN CONVICTED TERRORISTS AND THEIR LAWYERS UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (REFTEL) GENERATED CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY AT THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BAVARIAN SPD CONFERENCE (LANDESAUSSCHUSS) WHICH WAS HELD IN REGENSBURG OCTOBER 1.

2. BAVARIAN JUSO CHAIRMAN KURZ AND LEFTIST DELEGATES FROM MUNICH AND ERLANGEN LED THE OPPOSITION TO THE RESOLUTION. THEY OJBECTED PARTICULARLY TO A PASSAGE WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE NEWLY PASSED LAW AS "A CONSTITUTIONALLY CONNECTED RSPONSE"  
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TO TERRORISM. AFTER A HEATED DEBATE, THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY.

3. FEDERAL MINJUSTICE HANS-JOCHEN VOGEL, WHO GAVE A 30 MINUTE SPEECH IN DEFENSE OF THE NEW LAW, HAD HARSH WORDS FOR THOSE SPD AND FDP BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES WHO EITHER ABSTAINED OR VOTED AGAINST IT. VOGEL INDICATED THAT FAILURE OF THE SPD/FDP

COALITION TO PRODUCE A MAJORITY IN SUPPORT OF THIS NEW ANTI-TERRORISM LAW HAD PRODUCED A "DEVILISH SITUATION" IN THE BUNDDSTAG.

4. COMMENT. THE LEFTIST ELEMENTS WHO OPPOSED THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEW ANTI-TERRORISM LAW REPEATEDLY AVOIDED OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE MINJUSTICE VOGEL IN A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IT EVOKED. THEIR BEHAVIOR SUGGESTS THAT THEY WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY REPEAT ANY ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION DEALING WITH TERRORISM WHICH THE SPD/FDP COALITION MIGHT PROPOSE. BETTS

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